Readout of October Negotiating Round Under the U.S.-Kenya Strategic Trade and Investment Partnership

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WASHINGTON - The United States and Kenya held a productive in-person negotiating round under the U.S.-Kenya Strategic Trade and Investment Partnership (STIP) in Washington, D.C. from October 4-7, 2023.

The U.S. delegation was led by the Assistant United States Trade Representative Constance Hamilton and included the participation of officials from the Department of State, the Department of the Treasury, the Department of Commerce, the Department of Agriculture, the Food and Drug Administration, the United States Agency for International Development, and the Environmental Protection Agency. This meeting followed an in-person negotiating round held April 17-20, 2023 in Nairobi, Kenya.

During the four-day negotiating round, the two sides exchanged views on proposed texts covering agriculture; anticorruption; and services domestic regulation. They also continued their conceptual discussions on the subject of inclusivity in trade.

The United States and Kenya launched the <u>United States-Kenya Strategic</u> <u>Trade and Investment Partnership on July 14, 2022</u>, with the goals of increasing investment; promoting sustainable and inclusive economic growth; benefiting workers, consumers, and businesses; and supporting African regional economic integration.

Ambassador Katherine Tai traveled to Nairobi, Kenya on July 17-19, 2023 where, in addition to meeting President Ruto and Kenyan and East African counterparts, she participated in a roundtable discussion with members of Kenya's civil society. In her engagements she-stressed the Biden-Harris Administration's support for strengthening inclusivity in trade.

Details on the next negotiating round will be shared at a later date.